

**The Washington Merry-Go-Round****CIA Finds Bulgaria Involved in Drugs****By Jack Anderson**

Communist Bulgaria is Russia's favorite satellite in the Balkans. And like Russia, Bulgaria interminably lectures the world about the virtues of "socialist morality."

Its puritanical-pretending leaders, however, have turned Bulgaria into a lucrative drug paradise for international narcotics gangsters.

A classified Central Intelligence Agency document calls Bulgaria the "new center for directing narcotics and arms trafficking between Western Europe and the Near East." Some of this dope, the CIA believes, winds up on the streets of New York City.

The CIA, whose activities in Communist lands usually involve cloak-and-dagger espionage work, has turned to narcotics investigations in Bulgaria. Its findings are described in a brilliantly written, 38-page report dated last December.

The study, stamped "Confidential," is titled, "The French-Turkish Connection: The Movement of Opium and Morphine Base From Turkey to France."

While the study deals with the narcotics trade throughout Europe, its major surprise is

that Bulgaria, whose Marxist morality is legendary in Europe, has become "a safe haven from where major narcotics operations are directed."

"The role of Bulgaria in the field of international narcotics has increased tremendously in the last several years," says the "intelligence memorandum" from the CIA's Office of Strategic Research.

**Red Heroin Trade**

"French and UK (British) police officials have also voiced their belief that Bulgarian government officials may be actively involved in selling seized Turkish narcotics to French traffickers."

While Turkish and Iranian trucks routed through Bulgaria are rigorously inspected, says the CIA document, "Bulgarian trucks hired to haul Turkish cargoes reportedly are normally excluded from inspection."

The document also declares: "If a narcotics smuggler is caught in Bulgaria, he reportedly pays a small fine for the violation and then is given the opportunity to repurchase his seized shipment of narcotics for a certain percentage of its estimated value. The appre-

hended smuggler thus loses only a small part of his courier's fee and a few hours of his time."

By this means Bulgaria reaps millions in underworld narcotics money, which indirectly supports the braggadocio of their broadcasts, newspapers and U.N. diplomats about "socialist morality" and the virtues of clean Communist living.

**Deadly Dirt**

Health, Education and Welfare officials temporarily blocked one of their most prominent pediatricians from warning the Senate that lead from car exhaust can poison ghetto children.

The pediatrician, Dr. Jane Lin Fu, was contacted by the Senate Environmental subcommittee, now holding hearings on federal standards for lead in the atmosphere.

Dr. Sin Fu cautioned the subcommittee staff that much lead from car exhaust sifts down into city dirt. Since undernourished ghetto youngsters often eat this lead-poisoned dirt, their bodies have far more dangerous lead levels than they would get merely from breathing the air.

At the staff's request, Dr.

Lin Fu agreed to write a letter to Sen. Phil Hart (D-Mich.) the subcommittee chairman, outlining her fears. She said, however, she would first have to clear her letter with HEW.

As the hearing date approached, subcommittee staffers anxiously called the office of Dr. John Zapp, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Health Legislation. Zapp "clears" the statements, a euphemism for censorship, before they are sent on to Congress.

His secretary, Natalie Ruvel, promised that the important but controversial letter would be ready in time. But on the morning of the hearings, Zapp's secretary informed the subcommittee the statement could not be cleared.

She confessed to them that it would "embarrass the Environmental Protection Agency." When we questioned her, however, she said she was not sure she mentioned EPA by name. She said she told the staffers that the Lin Fu letter contained "gratuitous statements."

Our inquiries apparently have broken the letter loose. "If the committee wants the letter, they'll have it," Zapp told us. "We didn't have time to clear it for the hearing."

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